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The Honorable Harry F. Byrd
Chairman, Joint Committee on Reduction
of Nonessential Federal Expenditures
Congress of the United States
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in reply to your letter of 31 May concerning the action taken by this Agency on the recommendations of the Second Hoover Commission.

Annex A, attached hereto, summarizes the action we have taken on those aspects of the government-wide recommendations of the Hoover Commission which were relevant to the activities of this Agency. In addition to its government-wide recommendations, the Hoover Commission also made a specific report on Intelligence Activities. This report, which was published on 29 June 1955, made only one specific recommendation, relative to the creation of a Presidential Advisory Board and a Joint Committee of the Congress to concern themselves with foreign intelligence activities. This recommendation, with comment as to actions taken, is set forth in Annex B. The remainder of the Hoover Commission report consisted of a series of comments and recommendations by its Task Force on Intelligence Activities, under the chairmanship of General Mark Clark.

The Clark Task Force recommendations were forwarded for the consideration of the Congress and of the Executive Departments concerned without any specific comment or approval by the Hoover Commission or action by the Congress. We have not dealt with them in this unclassified report. Since any meaningful comments on many of the recommendations

would have to bear a high security classification, however, we have prepared a classified report, describing actions taken relative to the Clark Task Force recommendations. We would be happy to discuss this report with you or your Committee if you so desire.

I hope that the material forwarded herewith is responsive to the requirements of your Committee. In the event that further information is required, we shall make every effort to furnish it.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

Enclosures

1. Annex A
2. Annex B

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